

MEETING OF

THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, November 8, 2006, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman	Michael T. Scuse, Secretary of Agriculture
William Vanderwende, Vice Chairman	Theodore P. Bobola, Jr.
Lyn Davenport, Secretary	Jack Markell, State Treasurer
W. Allen Jones	Kevin Coyle (representing John Hughes, Secretary of DNREC)

Absent: Alden Hopkins, and G Ray Staats.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Danielle Klosowski, Cathy Mesick, Scott Blaier, and Robin West.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski, Thomas Zolna (Singular Wireless), Ann Visalli (Deputy State Treasurer), Mr. John Greenly, and Mr. Phil Tuthill.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting at 8:37 a.m. with prayer.

I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have a total of 668 farms in preservation districts totaling 145,822 acres, with a total of 459 farms under agricultural easements totaling 82,217 acres at a cost of \$119,239,152. For PDR 12 there are a total of 134 farms comprising 17,516 acres with a value of \$272,163,608 to be considered for purchase of development rights.

II. S-96-03-07 Little Field District – Cell Tower Application.

Mr. Tom Zolna presented the application and explained the reason for the application was a gap in the cell phone coverage in that area. Mr. Zolna told the Board that 10th of an acre would be needed which would include the access road. Michael Parkowski informed the Board that the application meets the Foundation's guideline requirements. Chairman Garey informed Mr. Zolna that the Board would take this application under consideration. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to approve the application for a cell tower, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**

III. Expansion Eligibility/Final Approval

1. The Greenly Expansion of the Miller District, ID#K-06-09-005D. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Greenly Expansion of the Miller District, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**
2. The Urian Farm Expansion of the Dulin Brothers District, ID#K-06-10-120C. After discussion, **Allen Jones moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Urian Farm Expansion of the Dulin Brothers District, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**
3. The Lawson Expansion of the Baxter Farms, Inc. District, ID#S-06-02-037G. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Lawson Expansion of the Baxter Farms, Inc. District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**
4. The John W. Elliott Expansion #1 of the J.D. Gordy District, ID#S-06-08-221C. After discussion, **Allen Jones moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the John W. Elliott Expansion #1 of the J.D. Gordy District, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**

5. The John W. Elliott Expansion #3 of the J.D. Gordy District, ID#S-06-08-221E. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the John W. Elliott Expansion of the J.D. Gordy District, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

6. The John W. Elliott Expansion #4 of the J.D. Gordy District, ID#S-06-04-221F. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the John W. Elliott Expansion of the J.D. Gordy District, seconded by Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

7. The Beachy Expansion of the Molasses Street District, ID#S-06-07-129C. After discussion, **Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Beachy Expansion of the Molasses Street District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

IV. Public Comments – Mr. Phil Tuthill expressed his satisfaction with the outcome of the Kent County elections.

V. Minutes - Chairman Garey asked if there were additions or corrections to the October 11, 2006 minutes. Receiving no additions or corrections to the minutes, **Kevin Coyle moved the minutes be approved, seconded by Allen Jones. Motion unanimously approved.**

VI. Financial Highlights:

Cathy Mesick informed the Foundation Board that we had, as of October 31, 2006, \$28,992.16 in the Foundation's checking account. The Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account had a balance of \$99,302.57. There was no revenue for the month of October. Expenditures for the month of October totaled \$7,765.67. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept the Financial Report as presented, seconded by Lyn Davenport. Motion unanimously approved.**

Michael McGrath informed the Board about the budget hearing and mentioned that Roger Jones of the Nature Conservancy expressed support for \$10M for Farmland Preservation and \$5M for Forestland Preservation...

VII. Executive Session – There was no need for an Executive Session.

VIII. Other Business:

Michael Parkowski informed the Board that it was time to put out for bid our request for appraisal services. This would be for our purchase of development rights round 13. Chairman Garey will need to be a member of the appraisal committee.

Chairman Garey brought up the need of the Foundation for a treasurer, as the Foundation has no treasurer since Dennis Clay was no longer a member of the Board. Discussion followed. After discussion, **Lyn Davenport nominated W. Allen Jones to be the new treasurer, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

Secretary Scuse moved to waive the veto of the Secretary of Agriculture for the seven District Expansions which were approved today by the Foundation Board.

IX. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on December 13, 2006 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Davenport
Secretary